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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: AHTISAARI IN THE NORTH: OTHER ITEMS

1. MARTTI AHTISSAARI ARRIVED WITH THE UN TEAM AT OSHAKATI YESTERDAY AND MET WITH THE DATA-LED OVAMBO CABINET. THE DISCUSSIONS WERE WIDELY REPORTED IN THE SA PRESS AS WERE THE REMARKS OF OVAMBO CHIEF MINISTER PASTOR CORNELIUS NDJOBA. FOLLOWING THE MEETING, NDJOBA URGED AHTISAARI TO ADHERE TO THE DECEMBER 31 DEADLINE FOR INDEPENDENCE AND NOT TO SCRAP THE REGISTRATION PROCESS ALREADY COMPLETED. HE ALSO ARGUED FOR A CONTINUED PRESENCE OF SA TROOPS  
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IN NAMIBIA. ECHOING, HOWEVER, WHAT HAS BECOME A FAMILIER THEME IN NAMIBIA, NDJOBA WAS REPORTED AS SAYING HE FOUND AHTISAARI TO BE A "REASONABLE AND IMPARTIAL MAN."

2. FOLLOWING THE TALKS WITH NDJOBA, ATHISAARI JOURNEYED TO OLIIPA WHERE HE WAS GREETED BY BISHOP AUALA OF THE OWAMBO/KAVANGO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND A REPORTED 8000 SWAPO SUPPORTERS. ONE RADIO REPORT HAD AHTISAARI RETURNING THE SWAPO CLENCHED FIST SALUTE IN RESPONSE TO THE CROWD'S GREETING.

3. THE AFRIKAANS DAILY DIE BEELD, CLAIMED AUGUST 16 TO HAVE MONITORED A BROADCAST FROM LUANDA IN WHICH SAM NUJOMA ALLEGEDLY STATED, IN RESPONSE TO JUSTICE STEYN'S PREVIOUS CALL FOR AN END TO VIOLENCE, THAT SWAPO WOULD END ITS VIOLENCE WHEN ALL "RACIST LEGISLATION AND STEYN'S RACIST PROCLAMATIONS" WERE UNCONDITIONALLY REPEALED, WHEN THE 1500 SA TROOPS TO REMAIN IN NAMIBIA WERE CONFINED TO THEIR BASES, AND WHEN THE UN DELEGATION "GUARANTEED" THE FREE MOVEMENT OF ALL CITIZENS THROUGHOUT THE "WHOLE LAND."

4. DIRK MUDGE, SPEAKING AT THE YEARLY CONFERENCE OF HIS REPUBLICAN PARTY, WAS REPORTED IN DIE BEELD AS SAYING THAT NAMIBIA WAS IRREVOCABLY ON THE ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE. IN HIS ONLY REFERENCE TO RUMORED DTA INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES, HE STREANOUSLY DENIED SUGGESTIONS THAT THE ALLIANCE WAS ON THE VERGE OF A BRAKUP. MUDGE SAID THE WEST, SA, AND THE UN WOULD LOSE CREDIBILITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF SWA SHOULD THE TARGET DATE FOR INDEPENDENCE NOT BE MET. DECEMBER 31  
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